

To insure for its success, we want all help even if our gift is small. If you send nothing original to offer, but would suggest we write books giving brief and clear descriptions of the presents we intend or now are preparing for Christmas gifts. Outside of this, let us write of books, toys and decorative household articles that from experience or observation we know to be desirable and helpful.

If you are looking for a book of Bible stories, simply and beautifully told, with which to interest the restless little ones on Sabbath days, you will find it in either of Joseph B. Merrill's volumes, "Little Folks Bible Gallery," and "Bible Pictures for Little Folks." Each book contains forty-five full page pictures, illustrating the really told Bible story on its opposite page.

Either volume sent post paid for \$1 sent from the publishers, Cassel & Co., 735 and 741 Broadway, N. Y. The "Sunday School Book," issued by the same house, it will could be placed in the hands of every family of children in our land this coming Christmas. A large, beautiful volume 15, 13x10 inches, containing over a thousand pictures, illustrating Bible scenes and incidents. We children of a larger growth would do well to study these scripture stories in picture, lest when called upon to expand and explain we find we cannot do so and the eager little questioners and

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figures and designs were appropriate to the time, and the display of the soil, products and implements was realistic and complete. The young ladies who appeared deserved especial commendation, as they were well-dressed and composed to the cutting blasts of autumn weather, but to the critical gaze of those

A cargo of guano from a series of small islands known as Pedro Keys, West Indies, was recently landed in Philadelphia, and *The Record*, of that city, gives these interesting particulars of what it calls the richest find:

"...the birds actually applied, many countless bushels and barrels of the stuff. Most rooks and ducks in rich colors are offered at ten cents each, also calls like sprays in natural colors, and birds, butterflies and other Greenway figures. The birds and butterflies are, with such perfect beauty and shading of colors that without

consider it a low price for so high bred a horse, and congratulate our breeders that he is not sold to go out of Maine.

**New Track at Gray.**

Ground has been broken for a new half

was crowded with birds of all kinds and described to me the various ways in which they were to be lured and to drive them away. Monster-sea turtles lay along the banks, and fish of many kinds were caught by the crew with out-difficulty. The digging as well as load-carrying was done by the natives, and the hippos, crocodiles, and other animals were retained to a

The election is over and we embrace this our earliest lull after the intensest event, to urge upon our readers, who for the month or two have been working so earnestly to "save the country," that it is now high time to make some provision for sheltering stock from the inclemencies of Nature as a guide—with silk a shade darker, than the silk of the caterpillar, on one or two per leaf a silken embroidered butterfly or cluster of buds, and your pen wiper is fit to grace any Christmas tree. The ten cent packages of gliding powder for the use of pen wipers by dissection open to us another outlet for decorative

...but never satisfied with the more but safe character of his business." Those banks and speculators," he said, "are expected to be making large profits, compared with which the moderate returns yielded by capital invested in the farm seemed insignificant. But they had to take large risks, and they were liable to be ruined."

...of farmers, but whoever will take the trouble to ride through the country can not fail to observe that on a very large proportion of the farms the provisions in this respect are not having results so generally wanting. Of course stock is hardly enough to get along without much of anything in the way of farm implements. The farmer

...Snow, I think it was, who told us in a late contribution how she robbed the butcher of an old rusty, iron candle stick which for a decade or two had been used in her home for hanging bristles from the stilly pointers, and after grinding it, it was transformed into a unique, brilliant affair

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fortune is built up little by little, with a knowledge of the value of every dollar, and a conscious conviction that it has been honestly made. The man employed as a laborer, who has learned to save, and has invested in such a way, that no panic can sweep it away. No exposure of "stupendous displays," no "millionaires" who have made their money in a day, and who have no other resources, can make our friends happy with a carpet sweeper, a Dover egg beater, a Plymouth lap board and a pair of car tappets.

CLARISSA POTTER.

**A Little Chat.**

less or striking stocks or flocks, as possible, of course, to maintain condition; but it is scarcely possible, at all times, to keep animals in that state of progressive improvement which is necessary for their profit in their maintenance. "Roughing it" on the plains is all right, but we have no patience with this sort of thing on the

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embarked in something which turns his dollars into ashes. On every side men are engaged in ventures and enterprises which are tantamount to financial anarchy, which excite high hopes and are for a time meaningly prosperous; but in turn they all go to the wall. It seems only a question of time when the air will be so filled with the air be still to make shelter much of a necessity. But with a strong wind bringing fresh air particles constantly in contact with the earth, there is a rapid and permanent change in the atmosphere. When animals are exposed for days at a time to cold rains, and are constantly called upon

Some of the market, prosperous times, prosperous periods and periods of depression, may come and go, but they can only exert a temporary influence in increasing or diminishing immediate profits; but with prudence and economy these things never attack nor destroy the capital which has been invested in his land and its equipment.

using the accumulating capital on their own farms and in their own business, instead of interesting themselves in outside ventures. The money was not being sent home, getting an interest in return of one sort or another, or yielding to the delicate promises of speculation. By concentrating the money in the hands of the Society appointed a cashier to take charge of the money, and it received one-third of the profits for its services. This was regular business for a village. The money was in demand. It was not more demoralizing than a good many of the schemes carried out by the money-lenders. The money was used for the most honest purposes, and the nymphs might have woven if they would, and fastened most mysteriously to some low growing shrub; the web covered with dewdrops, and the nymphs, like the caterpillars, caused the dew to glitter and gleam with diamond-like lustre. Some flowers

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There is a war between the fruit growers and fruit buyers in western New York, concerning the size of the apple. The fruit buyers held a recent meeting in Lockport, at which they all decided after Oct. 1, to accept only the small apple.

The plan of judging live stock by a scale of points has a fascination for some men, including some very competent judges, but it is almost impossible to make a fair fortune. Carefully prepared scales of

these points. The assignment of comparative value to these points is necessarily arbitrary. One result of judging solely by the length of the snout, for example, would be that an animal with some glaring defect in an important point might be placed over one without any striking defect in the same point.

IF YOU will write for this column directions for knitting the "Fox and Goose" pattern, she will oblige

A CONSTANT READER.

BATTER YEAST BREAD. For two quarts

admirable in every point except that it had a very weak and badly formed back, or thin barrel. Set it to rise, which requires several hours—from breakfast till noon. As soon as it rises make into dough with the two quarts of flour. Mould into loaves, and set again to rise.

owner intending to give him an opportunity to obtain a record upon the turf, as well as to continue his usefulness at the stud. The foal was foaled July Woodburn, Ky., in 1878, and was purchased together with Redwood as yearlings. He is very highly bred, being by Harold, the sire of the famous "Black Point," and by a dam of favor, and a little salt.

Sweet potatoes are nice this way: Slice them after they are boiled and lay them in a pie plate; sprinkle over them sugar with a few lumps of butter; pour some water over them and let them brown in the oven.

Abdellah, dam Black Rose, by Tom brother to Guy Wilkes, and intended for  
 res' Twinner, and her first foal was Princeps, the stud. Shelf attracts all the money parades to  
 himself.







Items of Maine News.

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Items of General News.

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The Markets.

Boston, Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1884. Market at New York: Coffee, 100 lbs. 10.00; Sugar, 100 lbs. 10.00; Flour, 100 lbs. 10.00.

DYSPEPSIA

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THE WONDER

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THE OFFICIAL TEST

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OUR NOVEMBER

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BULLETIN

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PARSONS' MAKE NEW, RICH BLOOD

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CHRISTMAS THINGS

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